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Promotion Announced

Riverside, CA – Chief Sergio G. Diaz is pleased to announce the promotion of Lt. Edward Blevins, currently Executive Lieutenant in Field Operations, to the position of Captain. “Choosing a new Captain is always a difficult decision. I was most impressed with Lt. Blevins’ loyalty to the department and diligence to duty. He consistently upholds the professional demeanor necessary to maintain a position of public trust,” said Chief Diaz.

Blevins was born in London England and moved to the United States when he was seven years old. He lived in Mississippi for two years and moved to Riverside in 1967, attending Jefferson Elementary and Sierra Middle School and graduating from Ramona High School in 1974. He continued his education at Riverside Community College and received an athletic scholarship to play football for California State University, Fullerton.

In 1983, he was hired by the Riverside Police Department, and attended the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Academy. Upon graduation from the basic academy, Officer Blevins was assigned to the Patrol Division, first as a patrol officer, then school resource officer and canine handler. His next assignment was Parking Enforcement Supervisor in the Traffic Bureau. In 1987, Blevins brought home the Gold medal for Power Lifting in the World Law Enforcement Games held in Australia.

Promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 1997, Blevins worked assignments in Patrol, Internal Affairs and the Property and Robbery Units in the Investigations Bureau, with collateral supervisory responsibility for the Department’s Canine and Mounted Units. During this time, he coached soccer with Riverside AYSO.

After becoming a Lieutenant in 2002, he returned to Patrol as a Watch Commander, then as an Area Commander in the West Neighborhood Policing Center and as a Bureau Commander in the Department’s Internal Affairs, Special Investigations and Centralized Investigations Bureaus, where he oversaw the homicide investigation for the murder of Officer Ryan Bonaminio and apprehension of the assailant.

Captain Blevins has a Bachelor of Science Degree from California Baptist University and lives with his wife and two children in Riverside, where he is perfecting his grilling technique and continues to be a fan of English Premier League Soccer.